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L. T. Brodstone Esq.,

THE PHILATELIC WEST,

SUPERIOR

Dear Sir,

By last mail we received an undated letter from you, contents of which is not quite intelligible, but we understand that you wish us to send you a Silk Kimono in exchange for advertising space; this we are agreeable to do, and you will hear again from us shortly.

From the last paragraph of your letter we gather that you require some information about Jun Kobayagawa Co. of this city, with reference to the article appearing in Redfield's Stamp Weekly of Dec. 7th. We received this paper and read the paragraph with surprise; we have known the firm in question for many years already, we transact so to say daily business with them, and we really could not understand what the note in Redfield's Stamp Weekly might possibly mean. We at once called on Mr. Ramsden, the head of the firm, to show him the news item, when we found that he was just replying to it. We cannot do better than send you enclosed herewith copies of the letters he addresses on behalf of his firm by same mail to the paper in question, which give you a full explanation of the facts. It is incredible that any magazine of good standing allows news to appear in its columns, that may do harm to a well-known and reliable firm, without investigating its autenticity.

Believe us, dear Sir,

Yours very truly

Yokohama, 24th January, 1913.

Redfields Stamp Weekly,
Smethport, Pa.

Dear Sirs:-

We are taking the liberty of enclosing a letter addressed to the Editor of Redfield's Stamp Weekly which we would esteem it a favour if you could have it published in one of the next numbers of that paper, as it refers to an article published in the same in the issue of December 7th, 1912.

Should you not see your way to publish integrally the above letter as a preliminary step, we would request you not to continue inserting our advertisement and for which we have already paid the first six months in adavance, as there is no use soliciting the patronage of your readers on the one hand and your publishing in another part of your paper your belief that we do not exist any longer in a business capacity and causing our firm to be looked upon with suspicion. How far this action of yours is compatible with your much vaunted announcement that Redfield's is at the back of their advertisers, is a matter which probably concerns your readers and yourself. We venture to remark that it would have been more loyal to your readers, fairer to ourselves, if not in common decency, if you had withdrawn our advertisement from the issue in which this derogatory article appeared. As it is, it results that you inserted our advertisement, to all appearance, so as to receive our money, but did not hesitate to publish in another column your warning to your readers conveying your belief that we existed no longer in business and could not be found. Does not this savour of biting the hand that feeds you ?.

Your reference to our "Numismatic and Philatelic Journal of Japan, at the present juncture, that is to say on the eve of its first appearance, is, to say the least, inopportune. The manner in which you have given publicity to this matter may be sufficient to influence its success at the start. What damage has been caused by your article, we are not yet in a position to gauge correctly.

We beg to remain, yours obediently,
Jun Kobayagawa Co.,
per,

Yokohama, 24th January, 1913.

The Editor,
Redfield's Stamp Weekly,
Smethport, Pa.

Sir:-

With some surprise and no little astonishment, we noticed in the issue of Redfield's Stamp Weekly corresponding to the 7th December, 1912, an article concerning our firm entitled "WHAT ABOUT KOBAYAGAWA & CO".

We can not allow the contents of the above article to pass unchallenged and here beg to enter our protest and request a rectification of same. What will your readers think when they see an advertisement of our firm in the first page of your paper, in which we solicit their patronage and in the last page of the same paper they read an article in which it is mentioned by you that you are under the belief that we no longer exist in business and could not be found ?

As you ask about us, no one is in a better position to be able to answer this question than ourselves. Some information, therefore, regarding our firm in refutation to the contents of the above article in question, may probably deter Redfield's Stamp Weekly from rushing into print so hurriedly on future occasions and acquaint your readers of the true circumstances of the case.

Our firm has now been established for the last seven years at the same place of business, 34 Water Street, Yokohama, Japan. Our P.O.Box, No. 214, has been continuously rented by us for the last nine years. Besides, we are known personally to all and every postal employe in the Department of Foreign Mails at the Yokohama Main Post Office. It is considerate of you to suggest that the return of letters addressed to us unopened may be due to some imperfection of the Japanese postal Service, but we must correct you in this particular, as, on the contrary, the return of such letters unopened in this particular case shows that the postal authorities are complying in every detail with our request that all letters addressed to us bearing insufficient postage, are not to be presented to us for the collection of postage due to be paid on thembut returned unopened to the country of origin.

Redfield's Stamp Weekly. No. 2

Many correspondents in your country, specially since the postal rates to England were reduced, have been in the habit of affixing a 2 cent, instead of a 5 cent stamp on letters to Japan. You your goodselves, are included in this category, since on the first instance Redfield's Stamp Weekly returned to us postage due we had to pay on a cover from you. (Vide your letter to us of 23 March 1900) As you continued nevertheless to send us letters with insufficient postage, all the subsequent ones have been returned uopened when postage was due on them. If you had taken the trouble to find out which, if any, letters addressed to us were returned unopened, you would probably have seen that they referred to letters with insufficient postage. Moreover, the Postal Authorities here state that such letters are marked "REFUSED" and that your having been told that they were returned with the information by them that the addressee could not be found, must have been a mere fabrication.

Our announcement quite recently, which you quote, of the publication of "The Numismatic & Philatelic Journal of Japan", edited by our Mr. H.A.Ramsden, F.R.N.S., we have already made good in every detail. The first number of this monthly magazine has already appeared for January issue and a presentation copy has been sent to you under separate cover, in a similar manner as we have done to all other numismatic & philatelic papers throughout the world.

We regret exceedingly that you, above all others, since one of our advertisements was inserted in the very issue which contained this article in question, should have rushed into print on mere hearsay. It would have been fairer to us to investigate first the matter before you felt it your duty to give the information of the belief of our not been known to your readers. Under the circumstances and in all the fairness to us, as there are many readers of your Weekly to whom we are unknown, we would request of you to be so good as to publish this letter in as prominent a position and same size type, as that of the article complained of and to which this is an answer, entitled "WHAT ABOUT KOBAYAGAWA & CO". ?

Thanking you in anticipation, we remain,

yours obediently,

Jun Kobayagawa Co.

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JUN KOBAYAGAWA CO., PUBLISHERS,
34, Water Street, Yokohama, Japan.

Yokohama, 24th January, 1913.

Howland Wood Esq.;
93 Perry Street,
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Wood:-

I am now writing to you hurriedly to request you to pay an advertising account should Mekkeel's Stamp Weekly, of Boston, Mass, apply to you for same.

What the amount is, or if such will ever be required, I can not say in adavnce, but please settle with them for whatever thay ask as I am certain they would not charge more than was due.

I have several letters of yours to answer, both private and business, but they must be left for next week. I am now writing in a hurry in order to catch tomorrow's mail boat.

With regards, yours sincerely,

H. A. Ramsden

Yokohama, 30th January, 1913.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

I have now before me your personal letter of 18th Dec: but have been so busy since my return that I have been unable to answer it before.

We have ban somewhat tardy of late with the Ko Sen Kai books, due to my absence in Europe. The numbers corresponding to Oct. Nov. and Dec: all go by this same mail. Please tell if you have not received them complete.

As regards the Ro collection, I think it time to come to some determination about it, and have decided as follows: the option that the A.N.S, have on it had better terminate on the 1st april - or if you consider it advisable, - at latest on 1st May of this year. If by this date they have not resolved anything, then please have it withdrawn and sent to Reilly's at New York. In such a case I would deal myself direct with Reilly and I sent it to him first, as I would like him to ~~your~~ examine it carefully before I offer it anywhere else in Europe. If it is sent to Reilly, please tell him that I would request his not returning it here in case he decided that he did not want it, but to be kept there until I could make arrangements to what place in Europe it could be sent direct from there. and not bring it through Japan, where I would have to pay duty. This I think will settle the question which has been in abeyance long enough.

I am sorry that the A. J. of N. is going to be discontinued, but I suppose they know best what they are doing.

I have not yet heard from the United States Coin Coy since my return now nearly two months ago. If they take matters so calmly, I am afraid that my business relations with them will neither be cordial or extensive. I escpected at least a post-card from them advising the receipt of coins I sent them from London - but again I suppose they know their own business best. In the meantime I have given them the Agency, for the numismatic end, of our Journal, on your advice.

The first number of the Journal is now out and No 2 is in the press and will be ready by the 15th of next month. Please let me know how you like it. I think I must be looking out in your country for someone to take up the ptulalehe side of this magazine, but have waited until the first number is out, so as to show that I am serious about this undertaking. Do you know of a man in Boston named Warren Colston, who seems pretty active as a rule? He might suit our purpose and perhaps you could talk to him in this regard. We could offer him (or any other Agent) the same terms as we give to the U. S. Coin Coy - 25% discount on annual subscriptions, 25% discount on our advertising rates, both of which must be paid in advance and 25% discount off retail price for single copies, settlement after their sale. The terms are pretty liberal considering our low rates all round.

My firm's business letter will deal with all the business news, and I will try to get it off by this same mail.

Within a few days I am writing to Robinson and Reilly, as now I can again give time for such pleasant pastimes. I hope, also, that I may be able to hear from you more often.

The journal is now well on its course and as I have more or less caught up with behind work, I shall have more time to devote to my private correspondence.

Have you anything new in the way of Far Eastern Coins?

Yours very truly

H. A. Lawsdent

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JUN KOBAYAGAWA CO., PUBLISHERS, *34, Water Street, Yokohama, Japan.*

Yokohama, 31st January, 1913.

Howland Wood Esq.,
93 Perry Street,
Brookline, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

We have before us your favour of 18th Dec., 1912. The statement of items you have delivered over to the United States Coin Co., for our account, and to be sold on commission, has been looked through by us. We are in conformity with the various entries with the exception of the one referring to the books on Chinese Paper Money. Our accounts still show as 5 in your possession, while your statement only points out to 3 being handed over to the U.S.Coin Co. The difference of these two copies may have been an oversight on our part in not crediting you with them , but we can find no reference to them from your last letters, and mention this to you, as your accounts might be clearer than ours.

We note that you had still some bamboo money specimens pending. As regards No. 1760, Aksu 100 cash, you might hand it over to the U.S. Coin Coy, as they might have a try at disposing of it, although so far this concern has not shown extra activity with regards to business entrusted to them by us.

We have received very few subscriptions for the "Journal" from your country so far. Yourself and Montgomerry, Robinson and Reilly are so far the only subscribers, although both in this country and in Europe, we have already received many subscriptions. We have heard nothing from Zerbe or from the A.N.S of New York.

We have one or two decorations of this country, which is the first time that they have passed through our hands. A Kiri or Rising Sun of 6th class, a golden Kite (very rare) of the 7th class, are the only two that might interest you. Please let us know if you would like us to send the above two on to you for approval. Of the kiris and sacred treasure, both 7 and 8th ranks, we have still a specimen of each. Do you require any more of these. ? Since inserting our ad. in the Numismatist, we have not received a single enquiry for price lists of Japanese medals and decorations. Is it that people in your country are not interested in them, or that the ads. in the Numismatist are not often read ?

We have also a few Corean official silver medals, about which we are

writing up in one of the next numbers of the Journal. We send you uchigatas of them, as they might interest you. please let us know.

Until I can see what results the U.S.Coin Coy's gestions bring, we are not inclined to send them much on consignment. We have to pay duty on the return of goods here and we have to be very careful what we send, specially lately, as the Custom House is very particular.

We have a quarter rupee of Thibet, as per uchigata enclosed. Do you have any use for it? These are quite rare here.

Higgins has asked us for some Corean Coin charms, but we are in doubt what to do in the matter. The last time we sent him goods, if we remember correctly, you had some difficulty in obtaining settlement for those which he kept. If on this occasion he does not keep them all, they would have to be returned and then we would be out of pocket on account of duty. Sending things on approval to your country under these conditions is almost impossible and we prefer not to solicit this kind of trade,as there is no gain in it.

We enclose a letter from our Mr. Ramsden, which we think covers all other points.

With repeated thanks, we remain,

yours faithfully,

Jun Kobayagawa Co..
per,

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Jun Kobayagawa Co., Publishers,
34, Water Street, Yokohama, Japan.

Yokohama, 6th February, 1913.

Howland Wood Esq.,
93 Perry Street,
Brookline, Mass

My dear Wood:

Many thanks for your private letter of January 6th. The letter you received from Brodstone does not astonish me. I have not yet taken any steps in the matter, as I was waiting to see what he would do. I enclose extracts of correspondence which will explain all. Please tell me after reading it if you think I ought to pay this amount which he now pretends, as in America there might be different responsibilities than over here.

I am returning you Brodstone's letter. You were cleverer than I am at decyphering it.

I am inclined to believe that Redfield's article about us was inspired by Brodstone. Anyhow, I have soon put a stop to it, as you will see by the enclosed copies of letters I have sent to Redfields. Please return these when read. The advertisement I requested you to pay for my account in case Mckeel's Weekly applied to you, and reference to this matter.

I usually pay my bills, as you know, but I object to pay for something which I think they have no right to ask me to pay.

Many thanks for your having mentioned this matter to us and for the manner you have answered Brodstone.

The first number of the Numismatic & Philatelic Journal goes today. Please tell me how you like it.

In haste.

H. A. Ramsden

P.S. As Isee Brodstone Mentions Adams name, it might be advisable to let Adams Know the circumstances of the case.

Yokohama, 4th March, 1913.

Mr. H.O.Granberg,
55 High Street,
Oshkosh, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of February 7th, addressed to me personally as a member of the A.M.A., but to which institution I have not the honour to belong, I nevertheless beg to inform you that, neither my firm nor myself, owe to Mr. I.T.Brodstone, publisher of the "Philatelic West", of Superior, Nebraska, or to any one else for advertisements inserted with our sanction or knowledge in that or any other paper.

Mr. Brodstone never gave us any special rates or for any specified period. The business proposition emanated entirely from us, but as he continued to refuse acceptance of our conditions under which the proposition was made, we had to cancel our original offer. Knowing full well the party with whom we were dealing, we repeatedly advised him, at the time of withdrawing our offer and afterwards, that we would disclaim any responsibility if he should act against our instructions.

If after this Mr. Brodstone thought it convenient to continue on his own initiative and responsibility the advertisement after the withdrawal of our offer, which he did not comply with, that is his own look out and for which we can not in any way make ourselves liable. Our only indebtedness to Mr. Brodstone is limited to our thanks for this gratuitous and not only unsolicited, but also undesired continuance of the advertisement, which thanks have already been tendered to him. This is not the first time, nor are we the only party in this country against whom Mr. Brodstone has attempted to collect for advertisements which have elapsed and which he continued to insert without advice or instructions to this effect.

Should you desire further particulars bearing on this matter, I would request you to kindly apply to Mr. Rowland Wood, of your country, to whom we have already supplied with copies of the correspondence relating to the case.

Regretting that Mr. Brodstone should have needlessly given you this trouble, I remain, always at your service,

yours truly,
(Signed) Jun Kobayagawa.

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JUN KOBAYAGAWA CO., PUBLISHERS,
34, Water Street, Yokohama, Japan.

Yokohama, 8th March, 1913.

Fowland Wood Esq.,
c/ O American Numismatic Society,
156th Street, West of Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Many thanks for your postcard of Feb. 5th, advising me that you had moved to New York to be curator of the A.N.S. I suppose this post will be most congenial to you, otherwise you would not have accepted it.

I have received notices from both the A.N.A and A.N.S. that my dues are pending. Would you be so kind as to pay these subscriptions for me and debit me when next remitting ?

The Cuban Government has again approached me to accept service under them. I do not know yet whether they will accept my terms, which are pretty high, in which case I would have to give up active participation in my present business. Within a few days now I shall know for certain, although I am inclined to believe that they want my services badly.

I enclose a letter , or at least copy, which my brother in law sent to E.O.Granberg. It speaks for itself. You need not return it, as it is a triplicate copy. I am sorry that I do not see my way to encourage that old dodge of resorting to force advertisers, which has now been tried on by Brodstone, [illegible] The man must take me for either a fool or a knave.

I am now busier than ever. The Journal takes up most of my spare t[illegible] time.

I have received several new interesting pieces from Thibet and Kansuh, but have not any time to do more than merely mention them here.

In haste, yours faithfully,

H. A. Ramsden

P.S. Please send us 50 copies of MODERN CHINESE COPPER COINS, as our stock of them is nearly exhausted. These are selling very well in China itself.

April 1st, 1913.

Mr. H. A. Ramsden,
Yokohama, Japan.

My dear Mr. Ramsden:-

Your various letters at hand but since I have been here I have hardly had a minute to do much of any letter writing. This change of fire most likely is a surprise to you. There is plenty to do here for years to come as the collection is large and very little has been done on it that counts for much. Since I have been here my own affairs have been in confusion. All of the Ko Sen Kai books have arrived and the first number of the Journal, this latter I want to compliment you on. Since I have been here we have bestirred ourselves on the Ho Collection and have just completed the subscription for this. In other words we have bought it. We are sending you in partial payment a check for 3000 yen on the Yokohama Specie Bank. One of the five contributors, you, as you know, being one of them, is in Europe and his share we cannot get just now, this will be sent later. He has been notified to send in his subscription, but I do not know whether he will pay up before his return - in May - or not.

All of this I take it will be good news to you as the purchase has certainly hung fire long enough. As you know the Ho Collection is shy of Wang Mang keys, I think it would be a bang up good idea for you to give us one sometime.

I see Reilly now and then, and I now think with the two of us together I can wake him up a little on Orientals. The Society here has really got quite a good collection of Orientals, nothing wonderful but very fair.

I did not get your letter until after I left Boston, so was unable to look up several things for you. The stamp man, Warren Colston, I know nothing about. The U. S. Coin Co. are reliable enough, but they strike me, like you, rather slow as I had a hard time getting any information out of them re what I sent them. They have been pretty busy on some catalogues, and Raymond has had quite a seige of sickness.

The rest I will attend to in my business letter.

Ramsden

April 1st, 1913.

Jun Kobayagawa Company,
24 Water Street,
Yokohoma, Japan.

My dear Mr. Ramsden:-

For the past few days I have been trying to get off a business letter to you in conjunction with my personal letter. I will shortly turn over to the United States Coin Company the 100 cash piece for axsu. The bamboo money I will still hold in my name, as there are one or two lots still out. I saw Wayte Raymond the other day for a minute or so, but did not get a chance to talk business with him, and do not know what he has done to move your stuff.

As regards whether I have turned over three or five books on Chinese Paper Money to them, my ledger states that I sold for five of these in my invoice of May 2, 1912, the total amount of this invoice being $152.84, and I think you must have made an error in entering my invoice on your books. I will do what I can in booming the Journal for you, but I will not get much of an opportunity to boast this much in a paying way for you.

The decorations you sent me rubbings of, I think this Society can use, namely the Kiri of the 6th and 7th class of the Golden Kite, and the five Korean pieces, and I think we still lack here the 7th and 8th ranks of the other two orders you mentioned and, I take it, you once sent me impressions of. My experience has been that next to no collectors in this country care for decorations or military medals, outside of a few who collect English war medals. The few who extend their field, I have already tackled. The quarter rupee of Tibet does not interest me just now. I have a set of three. The Society has only the rupee, and I think I will wait until I can land somewheres a complete set.

I do not know how long ago Higgins wrote you about the Korean coin charm. I have great doubt if he enthuses much over them right now, as he is trying to sell what Chinese pieces he has. I am inclined to think I would do nothing about this until he writes you again.

Your letter of March 8th came in this morning together with the second number of the Journal. Although I have not read it as yet, it looks pretty good to me.

I will attend to your dues of both the A. N. A. and the A. N. S., and will send you the receipts in my next letter.

If you take hold of the affairs of the Cuban Government again I should judge that your activities in numismatics would be somewhat restricted, as presumably it would leave you only time to attend to the vital business part of your work, and the side lines of writing except for the Journal would have to go overboard, but we are looking for the cash nowadays, and I suppose you have a weathereye out for this as well.

I cannot understand what is getting into Brodstone's head. If he writes to me again, I will give him a good one, but I won't take up the matter with him unless he does. If Grunberg writes me I will explain it thoroughly to him.

I will be glad to see, or get a chance to buy, anything you may have from Tibet or Kansuh, and want you to get hold of for me whatever you can in the modern Chinese issue, as my interest is still keen on this, especially anything of the new Republic. Besides the Sun Yat Sen dollar you sent me, I have a smaller one with memento on the back, so do not want this as they are common in New York.

Do you know if they have issued any gold ? We are going to have, John Reilly and myself chief participants, an exhibition of modern Chinese struck coins for the April meeting. This may create some demand. I hope so. Reilly was showing me the other evening several Kwang-Si books, and I noticed a series of Journals called the Numismatic, The Coins of the World, that struck me as pretty good as they had a lot of Kwang-Si pieces in them. I think I still lack the Kwang-Si semgu. I have the one in two volumes that we used to number our coins with, and also Imai's book on this subject, and I am still anxious to get hold of any other book.

April 21st, 1913.

Mr. H. A. Ramsden,
c/o Jun Kobayagawa Company,
24 Water Street,
Yokohama, Japan.

My dear Ramsden:-

We have just held a meeting on the Modern Struck Coins of China. Reilly and I joined our two collections together, and we may arouse some interest in this series of coins. If you can supply any more of those large Ving notes, I wish you would send them over to me. I can use two anyway, and possibly more. I doubt if I can use any of the more modern ones, though I could use any Ving notes you might have.

I am enclosing herewith receipts of your dues for the A. N. S. and the A. N. A.

The fifth contributor to the Fo Collection is still in Europe, and we have not heard from him, therefore we can not send this balance at this writing.

Reilly and I have been talking together about having a meeting next winter on the Kwanyi Sen, and will take this matter up with you later. We may take the liberty of drawing on you for specimens for this exhibition.

Very truly,

JUN KOBAYAGAWA CO.,
Wholesale Exporters of Japanese Stamps & Coins.
P. O. BOX 214 YOKOHAMA JAPAN.

Mr. Lord Hood
Bought in Kumamoto May 13th Yokohama 17.
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Memo:

Sent on 2nd May:
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Sent on 15th May
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We can give no further discount from above.
Any lots not approved of may be returned, Provided they are sent back by next mail.

Yokohama, 14th May. 1913.

Howland Wood Esq^r
New York.

My dear Wood:

I had dedicated this evening to answer your personal letter of 1st april, when on going to the post on my way home, I found yours of 21st april, which had just arrived, so that I will also attend to this one at the same time.

Many and sincere are the thanks that I would wish to convey to you on your having finally managed the disposal of the "Ro" collection in such a satisfactory and prompt manner. The transaction was probably due to your splendid report to the A.N.S and which I saw published in the "Numismatist". It is true that I have made no profit on it - but the honour attached as one of the five contributors, is sufficient recompense, - and anyhow my indebtedness to you is as great as if I had gained a lot of money over it. I see that you have not indicated anything about your charges and commission, but under all and any conditions, I will endeavour to find some extra way in which I can specially show my indebtedness to you. Of course I will accept your kind suggestion about presenting the A.N.S with a Wang Mang Kay, as well as some other piece which was not included in the "Ro" collection as sold. Naturally these will be sent through you.

My business letter, in answer to yours, will probably cover up many matters which I may leave out in the present letter.

What a grand idea of yours to hold periodical meetings where special series of Far Eastern Coins are exhibited and discussed! Think of the educational value and how it will help to popularize and advance the interest in the coinages of these countries! You

tell me in your last letter that you had just held a meeting on the modern struck coins of China, in which you and Reilly had joined your two collections. Should I have known in time I should also have been pleased to send some pieces which are probably new to you. By the bye - why could you not send me a short account of these meetings for insertion in the "Numismatic and Philatelic Journal of Japan." No more suitable subject could be imagined for the pages of our Journal. Please remember this and that I count on some contribution from you now and then, as perhaps now your new duties will allow you more time for this purpose.

You have also by these means hit on a magnificent idea to keep friend Reilly's interest from lagging, although I have always found him pretty constant to his first love. How I do envy you two and how I do wish I was with you to while away enjoyable evenings talking about Far Eastern Numismatics!

Many thanks also for having paid my ANA and A.N.S. dues which no doubt you will deduct from next remittance.

I have heard nothing more from Brodolone regarding his unreasonable - not to use a stronger and more appropriate word - pretensions. Granberg wrote to me recently that he was taking no further notice of the matter. I think you do well not to write to him again unless you hear from him a second time.

You also tell me in your letter that you and Reilly had an idea about a meeting next winter on the Kwan Ei Sen. Please let me know in advance when more or less it will take place so that I can mention this in advance in our Journal. Ofcourse I will help, if I am of any use. As you know, my collection of Kwan Ei sen comprises only tanes, and as the Kaigen or Eiraku Kwan Ei are <u>not</u> to be found in tane condition, they are not in my collection. Anyhow, these, or any other of my coins, are always entirely and unconditionally

at your disposal. Please remember this if you decide to hold any meetings on any other Far Eastern coins.

I have not yet heard from the Cuban government and do not expect that I can get an answer from them much before July or August. I sometimes thinks that it might perhaps be best for me if I stuck to my present business, which is increasing to such an extend that I am thinking of giving up the retail establishment and dedicate ourselves solely to the mail order part in future. Although we are having extra help, as much as we can do to keep up to date with orders.

The "Journal" is now running smoothly and I have more time, in consequence, to devote to other things. In fact, I have already in the press the June number and in future, on the first of each month, I hope to have already issued the number corresponding to the same. This will make me a month in advance, instead of behind, as has hitherto been the case. But how do you like it? I hope that my efforts are meeting with your approval. The subscription list and retail sales now amount monthly to about 350, and the remainder are being kept for future demands. Can I offer you a small ad. free in the Buy sale and Exchange page? If so, please send along the copy.

I have not heard from the N.S. Coin Coy as how they are getting on with the sale of our "Journal." I am inclined to believe that in your country collectors do not take much to the literature of their hobbies.

You ask me about "The Numismatic-Coins of the World", which you had seen at Reilly's. This is the "Dai Nihon Kenkiu Kai Dzasshi" mentioned by me on page 131 of the Journal (No 4 issue for April). I had last year a great deal of difficulty to procure the entire set for the Imperial Hermitage Museum at St Petersburg

and they had to pay for it also! I am afraid it would now still be more difficult to complete another set. Anyhow, I have taken the liberty of sending on to you the first 17 numbers (or is it 18?) and the 20th, which are the most interesting of the series, which, although valueless, I wish you would accept from me. In my own private library I have the entire set, but it would be very difficult to get the set complete.

Has Reilly got the set of half uchigata and half printed books which were got up by the Kwan Ei Sen Society about these times? They are exceedingly rare and so far I have only seen one complete set, which is in my library. Should you hold a meeting on these coins, I could lend you these books for this purpose, if you so desire.

I will certainly keep the look out for you for other Kwan Ei-books — and also of specimens, as well, of the coins themselves, when any turn up! In Japan they all seem to be asleep in the numismatic world, as not much interest is taken in coin collecting, even in the specimens of their own country.

Together with No. 4 of the Journal, the new Certificate of Membership of the Yok. Ko Sen Kai was sent on to you. This was my idea and conception. How do you like it?

My firm's business letter will treat on any other points that I may have left out in this one.

Again with thanks and appreciation,

Yours faithfully,

H. A. Carruthers.

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34, Water Street, Yokohama, Japan.

Yokohama, 15th May, 1913.

Howland Wood Esq.,
156th Street, West of Broadway,
New York City. N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt and thank you for your favour of 1st April, which has now our attention.

Thank you for the promise to turn over to the United States Coin Co., the 100 cash piece for Aksu. Please do not offer it to Mr. Reilly as we have already separated for him another piece which we procured lately. We note that you will still hold the Bamboo Money in your name.

As regards the number of books you kindly turned over to the United States Coin Co., we are of the opinion that your account is most probably correct, as we seem to have lost track of those we sent to Mr. Max Mehl and will have to devote some time to unravel this tangle, but which we have not the time to do now.

We are sending you, as requested, the decorations mentioned by you. For further particulars about the Corean pieces, we would wish to refer you to No. 4 of the Journal, which ought to have reached you by this time. We have valued the parcel containing all the decorations at the nominal sum of Yen 15.00, in case you have to pay duty on them. We have marked the contents as "Old coins for collections", and this is not wrong, as some coins go in the same parcel, as mentioned below.

The enclosed letter to the U.S.Coin Co., will explain itself. May we request of you to present these two pieces, in our Mr. Ramsden's name to the A.N.S., as they are not to be found in the "Ro" collection.

We are sending you some coins, new issues, as per Memo enclosed. Mr. Ramsden would feel obliged if you would accept them from him. Others will be sent to you in due course, as they appear.

Together with our Mr. Ramsden's private letter, we think we have said all we had to communicate to you.

Yours obediently,
Jun Kobayagawa Co.,
per,

May 28th, 1913.

Mr. H. A. Ramsden,
c/o Jun Kobayagawa Company,
24 Water Street,
Yokohama, Japan.

My dear Ramsden:-

Mr. Newell returned home from Europe the other day, and I have got his share for the Ro Collection. I am herewith sending you a draft on the Yokohama Specie Bank for one thousand yen. This makes the Ro payment settled in full. If you will send the Society a receipt for the four thousand yens paid, I will be much obliged.

I have been hoping to receive a letter from you, but none has come at this writing, although I received the other day a bunch of the Numismatic.

I have been delayed on account of moving to New York, and so many of my things scattered here and there, in sending you the copies of the Modern Struck Chinese Copper Coins. I have only located thirty copies. These I am sending you. I think I must have quite a lot more, and if I find them will send you the balance.

I have not heard from Maurice, of London, in re the second payment. I did not touch him up as you said you would speak to him in London. Did you collect this money, or does he still owe ?

Things have been going along nicely here, but I have not as yet got out my coins with the exception of the modern Chinese, consequently haven't worked on them. I do not think that I will collect the same as heretofore, though I intend to keep up my interest in the Kanyais, the modern Chinese and the Turkishtan issues, but the ancient and straight Chinese lines I do not think I will do anything with in the future.

I remain,

Very truly,

Dr

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Yokohama, 30th May, 1913.

Howland Wood Esq,
c/o American Numismatic Society,
156th Street, West of Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

In your letter to our Mr. Ramsden of 21st April last, you mentioned that you could use two or More Ming Notes, and as we have now been able to procure four of them, we are sending them along to you by this same mail.

We have, at the same time, availed ourselves of this sending to forward you also a few Japanese Hansatsu which we have been able to gther for you in the last year, as we think that the last lot went in April of last year.

We are also taking the liberty of sending under the same board, two lots of Japanese Hansatsu for Mr. John Reilly Jr., of your city and Mr. John Robinson of Salem, Mass. Would it be asking you too much if we requested you to see that the above reached their destination, at your own convenience ?

Our Mr. Ramsden has several things to write to you about of a private nature, but as the mail leaves tomorrow morning, he does not yet know if he will have time tonight to dedicate to this purpose or not.

In The Numismatist just received, we saw an account of your meeting exhibiting Modern Chinese struck coins. Judging by the report, it must have been quite a success.

We have now managed to get well in time with THE NUMISMATIC AND PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF JAPAN and the issue of each month will henceforth appear on the first of same.

Yours obediently,

Jun Kobayagawa Co.,
per,

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34, Water Street,
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Yokohama, 3rd July, 1913.

Howland Wood Esq.,
The American Numismatic Society,
156th Street, West of Broadway,
New York City. N.Y.

My dear Wood:-

I was just about to write to you when I received you letter of 28th May which has given me fresh material upon which to work. For reasons mentioned below, we have been so busy during the last fortnight, that this is the first opportunity that I have been able to find to dedicate to writing the long postponed letter I owe you.

First let me answer your letter above cited. Thanks for the draft completing the total amount at which the Ro collection was sold. You tell me to send a receipt for the four thousand yen paid to the Society, but as you do not tell me the manner and form of this receipt, I have made one out according to my idea and which is here sent on to you . Should it not be what is required, return it to me, with a rough draft and another one will be sent in its stead. As it was really my firm who sold this collection, the signature is in accordance. Again if this is not to your liking, please let me know so as to have it arranged according to your or the Society's wishes.

As regards the numbers of the Numismatic, this has already been explained in a previous letter and why they were sent to you.

The 50 copies of Modern Chinese Copper Coins arrived safely and many thanks for them. If you only have a few copies left, it would perhaps be well to increase the price of the remainder, as this small opuscule seems to be quite popular now, or at least I should say that the subject of this work was popular at the present juncture, which is easily understood on account of the condition of China, numismatically and politically speaking.

As regards Morice's account. No,-I was unable to collect anything from him when I was in London, not even the various accounts that were pending from my firm, although since then he has settled for them. I think it is best in your case to follow the same procedure as I always have to adopt. Advise him to make settlement to Messrs.

Ramsden & Co., of 68 Gracechurch Street, London , E.C., as if you were doing this arrangement to better suit his convenience by being able to make settlement locally. In the meantime, please write to me and tell me when the bill was drawn out and for what amount, so that I can then write to my brother to apply for collection in case he has not settled by that time. As they are solicitors, they seem to have more powers of persuasion than we ordinary mortals have.

I am glad to hear that you are intending to keep up a live interest even in some sections of Far Eastern numismatics. I would much have preferred your continuing with all series, but we must be thankful that you are not giving up the entire subject altogether.

The above finishes your letter, so that I will proceed to other matters.

I have not yet heard from the Cuban Government as to whether they will accept my propositions, but in any event I do not expect to know anything definitively until much before the end of the year. In the mean while, not specially on this account, but more particularly for the reasons below stated, we have given up our down town establishment since the end of last month, so that 64 Water Street for us will exist no longer. We found that the tourist trade was every year getting less and less, to such an extent that during the last year there was scarcely a month when we sold sufficient to even cover the cost of our rent. Add to this that our literary work is increasing and our mail order business, both abroad and in Japan itself is augmenting so rapidly that we have had to get extra help to be able to cope with it, that we needed all our time to be able to attend to it. Under the circumstances, therefore, the keeping the store open was a great handicap as the only business effected was to customers who would keep the clerks busy for several hours and only purchase a few sen worth of goods, or, in the majority of cases, would buy nothing at all. It did not even cover the wages we were paying them , as labour has greatly increased within the last few years, as well as the price of everything else. There were also so called friends who would just call in for a few minutes and stop hours, and I would greatly have enjoyed their agreable company if I had not had plenty of work to do.

We therefore resolved to build several go-downs in my own compound up here at my private residence, where we could store things and where the men and women employed daily could work under our eyes. As my house is pretty far away from the centre of the city and business quarters, I do not get interrupted any more. It is very cool up here and with all these advantages and incentitives, we can do double the amount of work and more at our ease.

I will now have more time to dedicate to my literary work, more attention will be paid to my private correspondence and I will be able to enjoy more and appreciate my own private library and huge collection which had begun to become unmanageable. If to all this is added that we can better attend to our business, dedicating ourselves only to the profitable side of it, it is a wonder that I did not change before.

Howland Wood Esq. No. 3.

I am now dedicating more of my time to purely literary work and particularly to see if I can not give a good push to the Manuals of Far Eastern Numismatics, as booksellers are continually asking when the other sections will be out. The subject is so vast that I am afraid that alone I shall be unable to finish the task. I have therefore decided to ask several friends to come to my aid and to publish some of the sections, specially those which is only a matter of compilation, under our joint names. With this object, I am taking the liberty of asking if you would be willing to contribute, now that you may probably have more time than formerly to dedicate to numismatics. Suppose, for instance, that you made up Notes on the Coins of the last or Ta Ching Dynasty of China, excluding the struck coins, which would naturally have to have a volume to itself at some later date. You know more or less what is required: chronological arrangement: types only: illustrations of one of each kind, provided the inscription is the same: appendix for reverses which are common to more than one series, etc. Please let me know about this and if you would care to undertake it.

I read with interest the report on the meeting you had anent the modern Chinese struck coinage. I am sorry that I did not know about this some time in advance, as probably I might have been able to help you. You only mention that Kirin province only issued 10 cash pieces, while also two varieties, at least, of the 20 cashes were in currency. I see that you do not credit Szechuan with having any copper series, which is the case, although I did not mention it in my monograph on the subject. I was greatly interested in the miskal series for Turkestan. Could you supply me with rubbings of the various denominations of this silver series, if you will be so kind ?

My man in Kansu has just sent me a most curious piece from those regions. May I take the liberty of asking you to accept it from me ? I have never before seen a piece like it, but perhaps you have. What writing is it and what is the saussage like object on the reverse side ?

Could you write up an article on the Chinese Turkestan copper issues for the Journal ?, I find that Valentine's is far from complete and many new types are not included in this work. Perhaps you might include also the principal varieties. Ofcourse I shall be willing to place my collection at your entire disposal. It could be illustrated by woodblocks, which would be made here, but you would have to make the drawings on thin transparent paper for the carver to work on.

Now We have given up our shop, so that we have several kinds of goods which have remained in our hands. We would have no objection to send them over to your country, for sale on commission for our account, if you think there is any one suitable in your city to undertake this job. We would be in no hurry and they could take all the time they required over it. Perhaps Proskeys or Elder might be approached for this purpose. To give you an idea, I am enclosing printed matter about Reflecting Mirrors, of which we have a sufficient number to make up a decent invoice. Please let me know about this at your convenience.

From China we are receiving quite a lot of interesting additions to

the new issues, both struck and cast. I hope to be able to get a few in the next number of the Journal, but it is always a question of space and very often we are at our wits' end to know how to arrange the contents of each number without crowding. In fact, we have already enough contribution to fill up all the numbers until the end of the year, which state of affairs is,I beleieve,the contrary to most cases.

Talking about the Journal, how do you like it ? It is now running quite smoothly and gives no trouble, but I hope this does not mean that it is deteriorating. I see that the American Numismatic Society has subscribed to it through the United States Coin Co. Do you object if in future we enclose your copy ,together with the above,in the same cover ?

How about Reilly ? As usual, I have heard nothing from him for some time, but this does not mean to say that he is not as keen as ever on the subject, as I see his name as having attended meetings and so forth.

I think that this is all that I have to write to you about and you will say that I have already written sufficient,if not too much,for one letter.

Yours faithfully,

A. H. Baldwin

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Yokohama, 11th July, 1913.

Howland Wood Esq.,
American Numismatic Society,
156th Street, West of Broadway,
New York City. N.Y.

My dear Wood:-

I am enclosing herewith a silver piece of Thibet issued by the last of the Manchu Emperors, Hsuang Tung, which I believe is so far inedited.

I received it only a few days ago from one of my agents in Sze chuen and I would like to make it a present to you, on one condition: that you write up about it a short article for the Journal, as I would like this paper to have the credit of first publishing this piece. It may afterwards be copied in any other paper or magazine, as long as the Journal gets the credit for it.

I would have made out wood-blocks for it, but the characters are so indistinct that it would have been impossible to get the inscription anywhere near correct. Perhaps if you could make a drawing of both sides, it might be an easier matter then to have the woodblocks made from your drawing.

I am rather in a hurry to catch the mail, so will not prolong this letter.

Yours faithfully,

H. A. Ramsden

July 12th, 1913.

My dear Ramsden:-

At last I am writing you a much belated letter. The threads of my hitherto orderly existence got a little bit side tracked for a while, but I am getting around to gathering up these loose ends.

As yet I have not got around to delivering to the United States Coin Company the cartoo tokens and possibly one or two other little things, as I have mislaid the box they are in. Eventually I will get this fixed up, and I will report and make a settlement of what money I owe you except for the last invoice you sent in May. It is not a very large amount.

The decorations I will report on later. I can not do anything about selling these until fall, as the man that would buy them is in Europe. I am in hopes that he will buy all but one, as they are very attractive and we ought to have them here in the Society.

The two ancient Chinese coins I have gotten from the United States Coin Company, and they are now in the Bo Collection. Many thanks for these, and enclosed you will find a formal acknowledgment.

The four Ming notes at hand, and I have sold three of them, and will see that the fourth rests in the Society's cabinet. I will settle for these a little later.

The Japanese paper money I have sent to Mr. Robinson. Mr. Reilly told me to hold his here until he got back in the fall, and those for myself I have added to my book. I was very glad to get these few additions.

As you will understand considering the reduction in price on the Bo collection, and it being taken over by the Society, I did not feel like asking any commission on what little expenses incurred while in my possession. I think best to put this in as my share towards the collection. I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in sending the seventeen numbers of the Numismatic and the newer issues of the Chinese Republic.

I acknowledge the corn in not writing you a short account of the exhibition we had on modern Chinese coins. If you wish you can copy into the Numismatic Journal of Japan what I had to say about it in the Numismatist. I will try after this to give you some little write up on any exhibitions we will hold on far

eastern coins. The exhibition is still out on display, and has created some interes In fact, it has created a little bit more than the average interest. More so from visitors than from collectors for some how or other collectors are not as interested about coins they do not know about as they ought to be.

Reilly and I are planning to hold sometime after the first of the year an exhibition devoted fully to the Kwan-ei Sen. We will join our two collections together and supplement them with other pieces of literature that we have showing Kwan-ei pieces. Reilly also has several little art objects, a lacquer sword and one or two other things with Kwan-ei Sen on them, which we intend to show to liven up and diversify the exhibit. Now I know it is asking a good deal to call upon you, but anything you can send us will be greatly appreciated. When Reilly gets back in the fall, we will go through what books he has, and I will let you know further on that score.

Your offer of the Tanes is fine, and if it is not too much trouble to you I would very much like to have you send them over. If you want, you can put some sort of a notice in one of the forth coming Journals to the effect that an exhibition of Kwan-ei Sen will be held by our Society.

Let me know what you know about that Kwan-ei coin I got from Wayte Raymond. Where it was made, and about when. I do not find it in Laconderie.

I want to compliment you on the Journal. You certainly are doing a good work, and I wish you every success with it. I have tried to boom it wherever I can, but it is pretty hard to inveigle the weary American collector in any sort of a numismatic literature. The stamp people I know nothing about so haven't been able to talk to anybody from a philatelic standpoint.

A little later I will send you a small ad. in the Buy & Exchange Dept. Just at the present moment I do not know what to say.

The United States Coin Company I do not think are meeting with very much success with your things. They have a good business, but it is nearly all with United States coins, but one never can tell when they may run across them that may get deeply interested in far eastern coins.

I want to thank you for the membership certificate. It is really quite attractive, and it is hanging up on the wall in my room. When I get to housekeeping it with one or two others will go into the den, or as I really should say my numismatic room.

I remain,

Very truly,

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Mr. H. A. Ramsden,
P. O. Box 214,
Yokohama, Japan.

My dear Ramsden:-

I am enclosing herewith a check for ¥120 dollars on the Yokohama Specie Bank. This pays for the two invoices you sent to John Robinson, namely, the Yu Pus and the Korean coins.

Just at the present moment I am in the midst of moving, and my things are somewhat upset. Otherwise I would try to close up the money I owe you. I will get at this shortly however.

The receipt for the Ro collection is all right. We simply wanted this for record purposes. Many thanks for your attention to this matter.

I am enclosing a letter from Hong Kong that may interest you. We have a duplicate of it, so do not bother to send it back.

I have looked everywheres for additional copies of the Modern Chinese Copper Coins, and cannot fine more than five. These I am holding on to. Roughly going over my accounts of this makes me thing that the edition is exhausted, and you have the remaining supply of them, therefore, ask for these what you please. As soon as I get settled, and get a few things out of the way that I have got to attend to, I will send you a statement of this account. Morice has just paid his bill in full, and asked for a few more copies. I could not comply with his demand however, so this transaction with him is closed. If you want to let him have some well and good though I guess you can handle all you have.

I think you have made a rather good move in giving up your place of business on Water Street, for from what I hear and from what you say your mail order side is the biggest part of your business.

Your suggestion about working up the coins of the Ta Ching Dynasty strikes me favorably. I will try to get at this during the winter. I think I will plan the monograph the same way I laid out my note book, starting out with a list of the Rulers and their titles, then a list of the mints with cuts of the Manchu and Arabic mint names and type for the Chinese names, and then give a list of the coins under each Emperor, these without cuts, but referring by number to the mint. This

would be a most economical arrangement. I can either then have a cut of each obverse type at the beginning of each Emperor's coin, or have a page showing these different types. I would not include, unless you think best, any of the new years or fancy pieces. It would then be a comparatively easy matter for you to go over this manuscript, and add what I have left out. You have seen my book, and if you know of any mint or piece I have left out, you might send me rubbings of them, which would help matters at the start.

The next time I write I will send you rubbings of the silver Turkeshtan pieces that I have. I can not do it to-day as I have not got my utchigata outfit here.

The little piece you sent, which came from Kansu, interests me exceedingly. As yet I have not made out one word of it. The inscription looks more like Mongolian than Arabic, but they write Arabic so peculiarly in Turkestan that it may be Arabic after all. I will let you know if I am able to make out anything about it. I think in my monograph of the Ta Ching Dynasty I would include the Turkestan issues. Therefore, there would be no need to make a separate article on these. Would you, however, include the silver struck here and for Tibet, and also some of the dollar issued in the treaty ports some years ago, like Shanghai and Formosa pieces.

Elder might be a good man to sell the mirrors. He has been [illegible] week, but I will take this matter up with him in a few days, and will let you know.

I note that you are getting a number of new issues from China. Don't forget me on this.

I like the Journal very much, and I think the more you write up in chronicle the newer issues of coins, the more popular it will be. I know it will be so from a stamp standpoint. The copy of the Journal for the Society can come along with mine.

Reilly is away for the summer. I have not heard from him, but that is not strange. I think, however, he will be a good live wire through the winter.

I remain,

Very truly,

August 12th, 1913.

Mr. H. A. Ramsden,
Yokohama, Japan.

My dear Mr. Ramsden:-

Your letter of July 11th at hand enclosing the new silver piece for Tibet. I will do what I can in giving you a write up about this in the course of a few days. It certainly is a puzzle to make out the inscription, and I cannot guarantee to do very much as I do not know Tibitan. I will do the best I can with it however, and will make a drawing so that you can reproduce it. This piece interests me very much, and I thank you very much for sending it on.

I have sold the Corean medals and one of the decorations, and expect to sell the other shortly, and will remit for these then.

If I remember rightly there is a Spanish paper published in Japan; I think you are somewhat interested in it. Will you kindly send me a sample copy of it, as I was talking to the librarian of the Hispanic Society about it, and think most likely they will subscribe for it as they have everything Spanish.

I am now in the midst of fixing up my house, and am going home for a couple of weeks so do not know whether I can tackle the Tibetan piece before then or afterwards.

Very truly,

P. S. I am enclosing rubbings of the Turkishtan coins. These are all silver. There are also some smaller pieces that are in one of the boxes I have not opened, but I think I sent you rubbings of these sometime ago.
I have interviewed Elder and Proskey about those mirrors and neither feel like handling them.
In talking over with my wife we have both come to the conclusion that the announcement of our wedding to you went to Japan in a two cent stamped envelope, and you most likely did not receive it. I am enclosing another one, and kindly forget this oversight.

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Yokohama, 22nd August, 1913.

Howland Wood Esq.,
American Numismatic Society,
156th Street, West of Broadway,
New York City. N.Y.

My dear Wood:-

A short while ago I was pleased to receive your letter of July 12th and to which I now refer.

I can well understand that the threads of your hitherto orderly existence had gotten a little bit side tracked, if the event to which a ntification of marriage which I received from Mrs. William T. Marvin, was the cause of this unwonted commotion. My congratulations. May you and yours be as happy as possible. To use a well known numismatic felicitous saying "May you have five sons and three daughters". I took the liberty of sending Mrs. Howland Wood a small "omiyagi" which I hope she received safely and in due course.

As regards the United States Coin Company, I can well understand that their success with Far Eastern coins is not as pronounced as one would wish. They are new at this branch of numismatics and very few are the collectors in your country who take an interest in Far Eastern numismatics. I am convinced that if I retired from my firm that little or no business would be done in this section of their business, as it is more my name and personality that accounts for what little measure of success we have so far achieved. It is only after years of hard work and convincing those clients we have today that my knowledge and love of the subject is above the ordinary, that they have extended us their patronage.

I note what you say about the Decorations. Please do not be in a hurry about this and take your time.

You have certainly met with success with the four Ming Notes we sent you. They are certainly attractive and seem to have become quite popular after what I wrote about them in my monograph "Chinese Paper Money", which work, by the bye, is now exhausted.

Howland Wood Esq. No. 2.

Thanks for having sent the Japanese paper money on to Mr. Robinson, and that you were holding Mr. Reilly's lot until his return from the summer vacation. Additions to your three collections are naturally becoming less as time passes. You all of you have now such good collections that it is difficult to find new specimens which you have not got. In this country, also, they are getting scarcer and we find that they are not to be found as plentiful as before. I suppose in a few years they will become scarce.

I note what you say regarding your magnanimous procedure as to not wishing to charge anything for your trouble and expenses in connection with the sale to the A.N.S of the "Ro" collection. As I said before, I will try and see if I can do something so that you will not be the loser.

You will notice in one of the future numbers of the JOURNAL that I make mention of the exhibitions you are holding on Far Eastern Coins. I shall always be glad to receive from you accounts of any such and hope that you will not disappoint me. You ought to have now plenty of leisure to write up numismatic subjects, as your curatorship can not be as exacting as all that.

I shall certainly be pleased to contribute to any such exhibitions. You may count on my "tanes" for the Kwan Ei show, as well as with any other help you think you might require from me. I will await further particulars about this before preparing definitely anything, as in such an event, I would naturally arrange the exhibits in such a manner as would result most attractive and instructive.

As regards the KUNG ku pu coin which I presented to the A.N.S., the formal acknowledgement of which you sent with your last letter, I think the best answer that I can give you is to send a copy of Spinks Numismatic Circular containing a short contribution of mine on this series of coins. I have already sent it off, in the same cover as No. 2, Vol. II, of the JOURNAL.

Thanks for complimenting me on the result of the JOURNAL. As you know, it is my pet hobby and as so far I have received little or no outside help, my work has been cut out. I hope to gradually improve on it and in time it will probably be more appreciated, although I have no cause of complaint so far as to subscribers.

Whenever you wish any small ad in the Buy and Exchange page, please send along the copy. Ofcourse I shall charge you nothing, as I already owe you too many favours which I shall never be able to repay.

Please tell the United States Coin Co., that they need not be in a hurry as regards the coins and other goods which they have for sale for our account. These things you can not hurry. One never knows when a new collector will turn up and take a fancy- although prehaps only a passing one- to Far Eastern coins. If they keep the stock with them, it ill always be ready at a moments notice.

I think after all that it will be best for me to remain here and not close with the offer I had from the Cuban Governement. The political situation in that island is too unsettled and I am afraid that if another party came into power, they would not recognize any contract made with the present governement. They have so far wanted me to go to Cuba and help them there, but I am not at all inclined to visit that hotbed of intrigue and sedition. I think I prefer to continue the even tenor of my ways, my present occupation being most congenial to me, if not as lucrative, but certainly surer.

As the JOURNAL is now running smoother, I have a little more time to dedicate to my other literary ventures. I am now preparing two or three other numbers of the "Manuals of Far Eastern Numismatics", which I hope to be able to get out before next year. I am also commencing notes for my "magnus opus" which I hope someday to bring out, on the Numismatics of Ancient China. Ofcourse this will be a work of years, but it must be begun some time and I will try to make a start now.

I wrote to Mr. Robinson a few days ago. I also wrote to Mr. Reilly. I find that since we have given up our retail establishment down town, that I have more time to do things and consequently my private correspondence is pretty well up to date, notwithstanding continual illness in my family and to which I myself have not been exempted.

I am glad that you liked the certificate of the Yokohama Numismatic Society. It seems to have caught on, and, as you say, is suitable for framing and hanging in one's den or sanctum.

Can you tell me anything about friend Higgins ? It is now quite a long time since I heard from him. Mr. Zerbe also is quite a stranger, although he wrote to me a good while ago that he wished to keep up regular correspondence with me. Do you ever see him ?

I think I have said all.

yours sincerely,

H.A. Rosenblatt

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Yokohama, 26th August, 1910.

Howland Wood Esq.,
American Numismatic Society,
156th Street, West of Broadway,
New York City. N.Y.

My dear Wood:-

The cover which contained my letter to you of the 22nd inst., I purposely left open as a mail was expected the next day by which I might get a letter from you and still be in time to answer it before the 27th, on which date the next steamer left for San Francisco. I was not disappointed, as the mail brought me your welcome letter of the 1st inst and which I am now able to answer in plenty of time for tomorrow's mail.

You enclosed a draft for the equivalent of $ 126-00, remitted by Mr. Robinson in settlement of two invoices of coins sent by my firm direct to him and for which I have to thank you. It was very kind of you to attend to this matter so promptly and thus adding another favour to the many which I already owe you and remains unpaid.

I hope you have already got nicely settled in your new abode. I know what moving means and you have my sympathy.

I read with interest the letter you were kind enough to send me regarding the Longueville collection of Chinese coins which a party in Hong kong was offering for sale. My experience has now taught me to look with scepticism on all collections gathered together by Europeans either in China or in this country. However long they have remained in either country and however well they may be acquainted with China and its language, one and all seem to have closed eyes where coins are concerned and without a single exception, are never able to distinguish between original genuine specimens and spurious counterfeits. I can now understand why Japanese and Chinese collectors invariably laugh at western collectors and this also will account for the many and varied forgeries which have always and continually been made for their special edification, as they know that no asiatic will be deceived by them. This is a pretty tall accusation that I am making, but I do not think I have exagerated any. The price mentioned in connection with this collection formed by Captn. Longueville is certainly stiff. For £ 700 one could get something better than an assortment of mediaeval Chinese coins numbering but 1100 specimens !

Howland Wood Esq. No. 2.

I note what you say regarding the stock of "Modern Chinese Copper Coins" and that you thought that the edition was by now exhausted. I will also myself draw up an account of all those you have sent me and the manner they have been disposed. Most of them were sold wholesale to the trade, as most of our customers abroad are also readers of the "Numismatist", so that they had already one copy. Anyhow, what do you think for a second and enlarged edition? I wonder if the "Numismatist" would lend us the wood-blocks? There are many coins which could be added to the old series of Imperial days and besides there are the modern Republic issues, for all of which I have already wood-blocks, so that a second edition ought not to be so costly as the first. Give me your opinion about this, as we would again undertake this as a joint venture. I have found so far that all my books sell well and consider any literary venture when dealing with the subject of Far Eastern coins, as a safe and paying venture.

You are right. I did well in giving up our establishment at 34 Water Street. I have now more time to attend to my mail order business which is increasing by leaps and bounds, both the foreign and interior sections. Besides, I have more time to attend and push on the correspondence, which is now more or less always up to date.

I am indeed glad that you have taken up my suggestion about the Manual of Far Eastern Numismatics dealing on the Ta Ching coins. I think you have got hold of the right idea, from my point of view. Chronological order when necessary. Types only illustrated. Where there are several coins with the same reverses, such as Manchu mint marks, etc, then a table, preferably in the form of an appendix, classified and numbered for reference purposes. Each separate coin to have a consecutive and separate number, whether illustrated or not. I find that Lockhart is so often quoted as the numbering is consecutive and plain. We ought to aim at the same thing, so that these books replace Lockharts as a reference or standard work. Lacouperie's is not popular for reference purposes on account of two numerations, both different, with no relation to each other. My intention was to make these books serve in the true sense of manuals, easy for reference and understood by the beginner and of use to the advanced student. If they unite these conditions, and as they are cheap, they ought to supersede Lockharts. Cuts for the principal and different types, the reverses also illustrated when reference can not be made to a general table for other reverses as well. I think we ought to limit ourselves to bona fide current coins and leave out any that might come under any other category, such as coin-charms, new years pieces, temple money, etc. What do you think of the above syllabus ?

By what I can see by your plans, I think we both have the same idea and any small details can be left for afterwards. Any how, we have plenty of time yet to again talk over matters and I must now be satisfied that you have been so kind as to accept my idea on this matter.

Thanks for the promised rubbings of the silver Turkestan pieces that you have. I saw them referred to as miskals, but under this name I can not recognize them and I thought when I saw the rubbings of them that they might turn out to be familiar friends.

I am glad you liked the little copper piece I sent you and which came from Kansu. I shall be glad to hear whenever you can make out anything of its inscription.

Lowland Wood Esq. No. 3.

Thanks for the promise to look up Elder about the Japanese Reflecting mirrors. You know best under the circumstances and would no doubt pick out the most suitable party for this purpose.

I will certainly not forget you as to the new issues which may reach me from China. A small lot will be soon made up and sent on to you.

Thank you again for your words of encouragement about the Journal. Your suggestion about the new issues, both of coins and stamps, is also welcomed. You will no doubt see that I am working up this feature for all it is worth, but unfortunately we do not have new issues every day.

I shall certainly communicate often with Reilly this coming winter and we have already begun preparing him a few shipments which we know will interest him. I shall also keep in touch with Mr. Robinson. As I have now a great deal more time for the mail order business and correspondence as well, you may feel certain that I shall be wide awake this next season. Those two are perhaps our star clients in your country, although there are various others interested in the products of these countries and from whom we hear with unfailing regularity, not often but certainly sure.

Now I have finished referring to your letter and will proceed to a few other matters.

You probably know that there is going to be an International Philatelic Exhibition in New York this year, between the 20rd October and the 1st November. Well, I have thought this a good opportunity to try and do something to advance the Journal in your country and bring to the notice of the visiting public, the existence of this publication. Some time ago I wrote to the United States Coin Co., that perhaps it would be suitable for them to see some philatelic concern in your country to take up the philatelic end of the Journal, just as they had the numismatic end of it, as they could not undertake both sections. They wrote to me once that they were approaching the Scott Co., in your city with this object. Now I do not know exactly what they have done towards this end, but as the exhibition is drawing near, I have written to them to please take advantage of this opportunity to the best of their ability. To see the party that they had arranged with for taking up the philatelic end and get them to exhibit and bring to the notice of visitors, in whatever manner they thought best, the existence of the Journal. I remarked that even if they had not yet arranged for an agent to take up the philatelic end of our magazine, to approach any other philatelic concern in your city who would most likely be in a position to help carry out the above propaganda, either directly or indirectly. I even suggested that one of each of the issues of the Journal should be broken up and all the plates framed in one big frame, with another frame containing specimens of some of the pages with the text or reading matter. Handbills might be printed, with the Agents name, as well as our own, for distributing to the general public. Specimen numbers also of all the issues hitherto printed of the Journal could also be on view. Now I have already communicated with the United States Coin Co., in the hope that they will do something, but also write to you and trouble you, with the request that you stir them up if

you get the chance. The time is short, but there is very little to prepare, so that I do not anticipate any difficulties in this respect. We have already a good many philatelic subscribers to the Journal in your country, many more than numismatic subscribers, so there must be a good field in the United States and the chance now is probably the best we shall ever get. It would be a pity to loose it. I know that I am imposing on your kind offices, but as there is a great deal to gain, this is the excuse that I must bring forward for troubling you with this matter.

There is still another favour I would like to ask of you. Would you kindly remit to

The Mekeel Severn Wylie Company.,
508 East Building,
Boston, Mass.

the sum of $ 15-00 U.S.Currency for payment of an advertisement in the special number for the Philatelic Exhibition of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News and deduct this amount when you are next remitting to us.

I have been thinking about including Turkestan, Tibet and other issues in the Manual relating to the Ta Ching coins. Let us wait and see if you have space for them, as I am inclined to believe that you will even have some difficulty in including all the coins of China proper of the Manchu dynasty in one book. Remember that it must be of such proportions as to allow it to be sold for 50 cents, which is the price of the others. By looking at the previous two numbers, "Chinese Early Barter" and "Chinese Paper Money", you will get an idea the size all the Manuals have to conform more or less if they are to be sold without loss. This is ofcourse a consideration we must bear in mind. Perhaps the Turkestan coins, Tibet and all those of outlying provinces might be all grouped together in one Manual, a sort of "pot pourri" or all series and issues not included in the regular Manuals containing only long series of coins. This, ofcourse, is an easy matter to determine when the Ta Ching Manual is more or less made up. What do you think about this?

At the beginning of March of this year we sent to Mr. T.L.Comperette of the Philadelphia Mint, at his request, some books and coins, but have never had a word from him since. What ought we to do in this matter, as I do not want to appear to hurry him unduly, but it is now getting to be such a long time, that perhaps we ought to do something? What would you advise, as perhaps you know best what ought to be done?

I think this is all.

Yours very truly,

Lewis Lansdell

September 8th, 1913.

Mr. H. A. Ramsden,
P. O. Box 214,
Yokohama, Japan.

My dear Mr. Ramsden:-

The other day I received a very beautiful piece of silk for a waist for my good lady, for which I wish to thank you very much. Mrs. Wood has already acknowledged this to Mrs. Ramsden.

I have been away for a few weeks, and am just getting back into harness again.

The other day I picked up two more silver Changsha pieces from Hunan. You may remember I already had one of these. They are thick, silver coins, and I have been able to get these facts. Certain banks were given the authority by the Government to coin them several decades ago, but that authority has been taken away for a number of years, and in the meantime the Government has destroyed or recoined almost all of them. The pieces are struck; I should judge, from small shoes, as the bubbles show very clearly on the edge of one, you know what I mean, the bubbles that you generally see on the bottom of the shoes. I am sending you rubbings of the three pieces.

I have just received a bill from Adams for the continuation of your eighth page ad., running from October 1913 to September 1914. As this is a new contract, I thought best not to renew it until I heard from you. I told Adams, however, to insert you ad. for the coming month, and would let him know about the yearly contract when I heard from you. Kindly advise.

Very truly

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Yokohama, 15th Septr. 1913.

Howland Wood Esq.,
American Numismatic Society,
156th Street, West of Broadway,
New York City.

My dear Wood :-

Many thanks for your letter of the 12th ulto., and to which I now refer.

I am glad that the new silver piece for Thibet which I sent you proved of interest. I shall be pleased to get your write up about it for the JOURNAL. As I think I told you, this is also the first time that I have come across a piece of this description.

I am glad that you were able to do something with the Corean medals and decorations. I find them attractive and interesting.

Some few years back I helped a friend of mine with an illustrated monthly magazine, printed here, but in Spanish, called ~~THE~~ EL EXTREMO ORIENTE (The Far East), but my friend left for South America and this publication was stopped with his departure, after four or five issues only. As I know Spanish almost as well, if not better, than English, this imposed no difficulty on me.

Thanks for the rubbings of silver coins of Turkestan in your collection. I now recognise them, but they were unfamiliar to me by the name of "miskals". I have quite a good many of them among our stock and perhaps there are different varieties not included in your list. As soon as I have some spare time, I will look them up and see.

I note what you say that neither Elder or Proskey would care to handle the Japanese magic reflecting bronze mirrors. We used to sell a lot of them at the shop, but perhaps they would not go well in your country. Thanks, anyhow, for having seen them about it.

Yours sincerely,

H. A. Ramsden

P.S. See next page.

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P.S. I asked you for rubbings of the Turkestan pieces, as I thought they might turn out to be a series that I saw in the Imperial Ermitage Museum at St. Petersburg. If I am not mistaken, I saw two values, I think a dollar, and half dollar size, in silver, and very much like the old provincial series of silver during the last Imperial régime, with a dragon design, the four characters on the other side, but as far as I can remember, the Chinese inscription had reference to a "military issue". Along the outer border, in either four or two places, there was also inscription in turki, but as I am not acquainted with this language, I do not know what it said. I sometime ago asked Mr. Markhoff, the Keeper of Coins at that Museum, if he would let me have rubbings of them, but I suppose the Russians are all away during the summer and I must wait until his return, in the event of his ever attending to my request. Do you know the series ?

By this same mail we are sending Reilly a most attractive collection of Chinese Bank Notes, most of them chosen on account of the pictorial subjects depicted thereon. If I had time, this is the subject I would like to take up, as the traditions, fables, folklore, historical passages, mythology and legends of that ancient country have always appealed to me. You will notice that now and then I write up something about the matter in the JOURNAL, but it is only superficially. Even then, many readers have told me that they appreciate this kind of matter, although I am no authority on the subject.

You will see by the last numbers of the JOURNAL that I am paying more attention to new issues, but unfortunately new issues are not always to be had.

H.A.R.

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Howland Wood Esq
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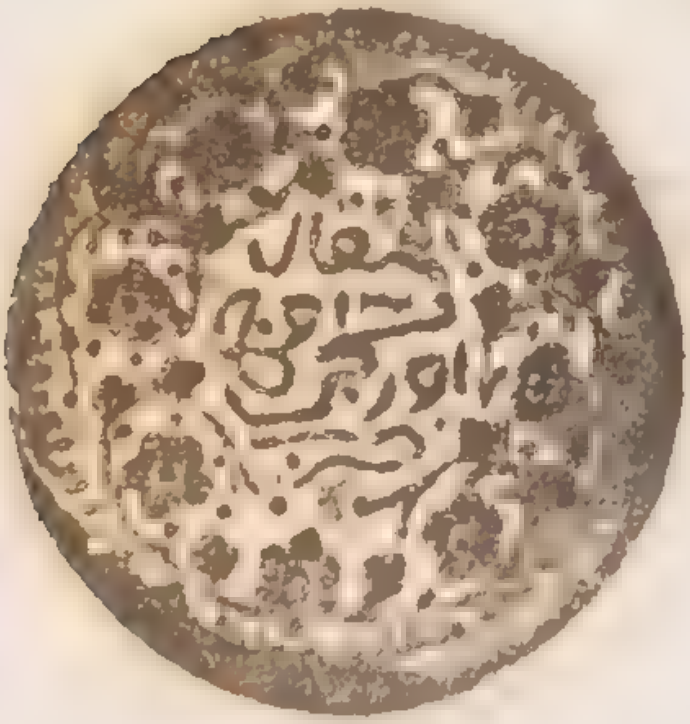

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Yokohama, 4th October, 1915.

Howland Wood Esq.,
American Numismatic Society,
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New York City, N.Y.

My dear Wood:-

Yesterday I was pleased to receive your letter of Sept. 6th, as well as a note from Mrs. Wood to Mr.s Ramsden. Unfortunately Mrs. Ramsden has been seriously ill since January, otherwise I feel sure that she would have appreciated Mrs. Wood's kind letter.

Ithink I told you what I had learnt at Changsha about the silver pieces, rubbings of which you enclosed. I have so far seen three values. They told me that they were used by a certain firm for the payment of duties, and never meant for circulation. The silver is the same fineness as is found on the sycees.

Mekeel's Weekly stamp news of Boston may either return to you one of our electro blocks or ask you for $ 40.00 for payment of inserting same. In either case, may I ask you to do the needful please ?

I have just received from my agent in Kansu the eight silver pieces which I am enclosing herewith. He says that they are used as currency in Chinese Turkestan. He wants $ 7.50 for the lot and I thought you might like to see them, as I know nothing about them. If not required, please return as soon as you can for me to send them back to him, as they are not in my line of business.

Although I do not see any results from our 1/8 page ad in the Numismatist, perhaps it would be best to continue for six months longer. After this period, we might give it a rest for a year perhaps.

Under separate cover I am sending you with my compliments two books with rubbings of my Chi ese Turkestan coins.I have still a few more not included therein, but I have not time at present to see which are the ones missing.

On account of sickness in my family, I have not felt with the usual inclination to work, so please excuse me if this letter is not more extensive.

Yours faithfully,

H. A. Ramsden.

P.S. I send rubbings of two silver chinese Turkestan pieces which I do not see among your coins - are they new to you?

October 8th, 1913.

My dear Ramsden:-

Your letters of the 22nd and 26th of August at hand. Many thanks for the kind expression in your letter, and I think that I will be able to make a payment on all of the decorations but one in a short while. The one that we do not want is the plain silver Kiri, similiar to one you sent some time back. Shall I turn this over to the United States Coin Company ?

The Spink Circular is here telling about the Kung coin. I should have remembered this, but the fact that I had never seen any of these made less impression on my mind when you wrote that number than if I knew something about the series before hand.

The various numismatic Journal's have come to hand, No. 3 the other day. I have not had a chance to read this latter. As you know, I am still anxious to get hold of any of the Revolutionary and Republican pieces. The twenty cent piece of Sun Yat Sen I want, and the dollar with the head of General Li.

Higgins seems to have dropped out of sight entirely. He has resigned from all of the numismatic societies, and is entirely engrossed in writing on mystical subjects for some masonic papers.

Zerbe is still around, very busy with his lecture tours, but has a breakdown every now and then, and is very dilatory with his correspondence.

I asked Adams the other day if he would let us have the wood blocks o Modern Chinese Copper Coins. He said he would, but we cannot find the type. This latter, however, is not of very much moment. If I were you I would publish this reprint in Japan. You can do it I think better and cheaper than we can do it here, and as you have many additions to make, I think with a good deal less trouble. Therefore, there is no need of going in jointly on this venture. In fact, I would rather turn over everything to you than to try to run it on halves over here. Just say the word, and I will send you the wood blocks.

I dropped Wayte Raymond a line on receipt of your letter to find out what he had done about the coming International Philatelic Exhibition. He said he had approached one stamp person on the subject, but had come to no understanding or arran rangement. I told him to get busy and do something, and to let me know. I will stir

him up again.

I paid the bill of the Mekeel, Sebern, Wylie Company, and am enclosing you a receipt. This I will deduct from the money I owe you.

In re the manual on Ta Ching coins, whether to include Turkishtan an Tibet I am not quite ready to talk, and will take this up later.

I have just dropped Comparette a line about the books and coins you sent, and will let you know what he says. Do not bother to do anything till you hear from me, as I know him pretty well and do not mind writing to him.

I remain,

Very truly,

Debit

April 15, 1912	Bamboo token balance 8.80 less 10%	7.92	
May 30, 1913	Ming notes 20.00 less 10%	18.00	
May 30, 1913.	Hansatu	2.75	
Check from Robinson Invoice.			
	May 30 Hansatu 1.05		
	" 2 Books 6.00		
	Apr. 13 " 26.75	33.80	
	Oct. 15 Coins 10.05		
	" " " 2.50	12.55	
Renewal Num. & Phil. Journal Japan		2.00	
Oct. 4 H. W.	8 Small Turkestan Coins	7.50	
Dec. 12 H. W.	4 " " "	13.00	
Dec. 13	Mekeel Severn Wyle Co.	13.74	
Oct. 20,	Check from Robinson, Pointed foot Pu's	96.50	
Invoice Dec 19	N. Wood Turkestan	13. 50	
" " 20	" Carapaci	3.00	
" May 15	Corian medals	31.00	
" " 15	Japan Decorations. 53.50 less 4.75	48.75	$303.91

Credit

Apr. 15 1913.	A. N. A. Dues	2.00	
" " "	A. N. S. "	5.00	
Sept.	Mekeel Severn Wyle Co.	15.00	
Oct. 31	Advt. in Numismatist Rebate of 5.00	3.00	
Nov. 3	Mekeel Severn Wyle Co.	40.00	$65.00

Debit $303.91
Credit $65.00
Balance due $238.91

JUN KOBAYAGAWA CO.,
Wholesale Exporters of Japanese Stamps & Coins.
P. O. BOX 214 YOKOHAMA JAPAN.

Howland Wood Esq
American Numismatic Soc. New York City N.Y.
Dear 15 Oct 13

Coins	Chosin		
1794	Fortkien 2 cash Brd	—	—
1792	Rep. 10 cash	—	—
1789	Fortkien 10 cents AR	—	—
1784	" 20 " AR	—	—
1783	Rep. 10 cash	—	—
1775	Fortkien 20 cents AR	—	—
	Japan		
52	Silver Kwan Ei	—	—

Sent in the same box as some other coins forwarded by Parcels Post to John Reilly Jr., with the request that it be given over to you.

Herb

We can give no further discount from above.
Any lots not approved of may be returned, Provided they are sent back by next mail.

五錢銀

Oct 21 1913

U. S. Coin Co
newyork city

Gentlemen

I am herewith turning over to you on the Sun Kobayagawa acct. the following pcs.

Invoice Aug 15 1912 Bamboo tokens

11 B	3/4	@ 50	2.00	1 sold
22 B	7	@ 35	2.45	
23 B	6	@ 35	2.10	
24 B	6	@ 35	2.10	
25 B	7	@ 35	2.45	
26 B	1/2	@ 40	.80	1 sold
27 B	1	@ 40	.40	
28 B	1	@ 45	.45	
			12.75	

Invoice Aug 15 1912

1760 100 cash tokens in Jinrikisha 2.00 + 19.75

Very truly
Howard Wood

Mr. E. Hewett

November 1st, 1913.

Mr. H. A. Ramsden,
P. O. Box 214,
Yokahoma, Japan.

My dear Ramsden:-

I am sending you a statement of our account. I have made no personal payment for some time, as I think our two accounts about balance.

I received the other day from John Robinson a check for $33.80, which I was intending to send you, but on receipt of your letter stating the Meekeel Company might call on me for $40.00 I will hold this a little longer.

Let me know if you want me to pay your A. N. A. and A. N. S. dues.

I saw Wayte Raymond of the U. S. Coin Company the other day, and he said he spoke to a number of dealers about exploiting your magazine at the exhibition. They said that they would have to have a large number of sample copies in order to do this right, and also would have to pay an exhibition fee of a number of dollars, and Raymond consequently did nothing. I have been to the exhibition a couple of times and it is really wonderful. I notice, however, that there seemed to be no commercialism or the exploiting of any magazine there. Everything was a loan exhibition of stamps.

Reilly is back in town, and I have seen him a couple of times.

Your letter of October 4th at hand, and I note with interest the two Turkistan pieces you send rubbings of. If these are for sale send them on. The piece with the dragon was new to me up to a week ago when a piece, of which I am sending a rubbing, was sent to me, but I was unable to buy it. Evidently by the dates there are new issues.

I am sorry to know that both you and Mrs. Ramsden have been ill, and trust for your speedy recovery.

The eight silver pieces you sent on, I will keep. Three of them are for Chinese Turkistan, one for the straight Mohammeden Dynasty, and the other four were struck for Yokoobeg, of whom you doubtlessly have heard. Send me a bill for these in the regular way, and don't forget to send on some more of the new issues some of these Sze-Chuan you illustrated in your Journal. As yet I have not received the books with rubbings of the Turkistan coins.

I remain,

Very truly,

November 10th, 1913.

Mr. H. A. Ramsden,
P. O. Box 214,
Yokohama, Japan.

Dear Mr. Ramsden:-

I am enclosing a receipt for $8.00 for the advertisement in the Numismatist, and a receipt from the Wekeel, Severn, Wyllie Co. for $40.00, which please credit me with.

I am right in the midst of preparing for an exhibition, and, therefore, please excuse this short note.

Very truly,

Honorary
General Secretary:
M. FUJITA,
4 Ashibikicho Itchome,
Yokohama.

橫濱古泉會用箋

The Yokohama Numismatic Society.

President: H. A. RAMSDEN.

Honorary
Foreign Secretary:
J. KOBAYAGAWA,
34, Water Street,
Yokohama.

Yokohama, 10th November, 1915.

Howland Wood Esq.,
American Numismatic Society,
156 th Street, West of Broadway,
New York City. N.Y.

My dear Wood:-

Many thanks for your letter of 6th October, which I received the day before yesterday and which I now hasten to answer.

I note that you were keeping all the decorations with the exception of the silver Kiri corresponding to the 6th rank. If you can send it by registered letter post, then please return it to us here. By parcels post would never do, as it would be opened and when found confiscated, if nothing worse should happen to us, as you know it is prohibited in this country for other than recipients to be in possession of Japanese war medals and decorations.

We have still one or two more of the Corean medals and decorations left, in case you wish for any more. It appears that in Corea itself they are beginning to get quite scarce, as none can be got at Seoul at the present time. Mr. John C. Woodbury, of Rochester, N.Y., one of the members of the A.N.S., bought a set of these when he passed through here a few days ago, but we still have one complete set for disposal.

I am glad you received Spink's Circular with the article of mine on Hwe Kung coins. Spink has always written to me for contributions to his Circular and even up to a few weeks ago I was able to comply with his desires, but in future I will have some difficulty, as my time is now so limited that is is hardly sufficent for my literary numismatic work which is daily increasing. I have three Manuals in the press, besides two other books on the subject of Far Eastern Numismatics and I will have all my work cut out to see them through this winter and attend to the Journal at the same time.

Under this same cover I am sending you a Sun Yat-sen 20 cent silver piece which you mention you would like. It is worth nothing, but please accept it from me as but a tithe of the many favours I owe you. I am sorry

I can not do the same with the Li dollar, as I have never seen but a rubbing of this piece, which was sent to me at the end of last year. Although I have repeatedly written to China about them I have so far been unsuccessful and have not even been able to get the loan of a specimen for reproduction in the Journal. Should I run across any, you may be sure that I will not forget you. Together with other coins sent to Reilly on the 15th of last month, I sent also a few new issues for you which I made a note, so as not to duplicate them in future, as the copy which I enclose herewith. You will see that you are not being forgotten as regards new issues from China.

What you tell me about Higgins does not in the least astonish me. I do not think he is the kind of person to stick for long at anything but I never thought he would cease all connection with numismatics in the radical manner you tell me he has done.

Thanks for the dies re: Modern Chinese copper coins and I greatly appreciate Mr. Adam's offer of them, which I accept with pleasure. These I will ask you for later on, as at the present moment I am not yet prepared to undertake the new edition. The type does not matter much, as it would be printed here. I can understand your not wishing to go shares in the second edition, as there can never be sufficient profit to compensate for the trouble involved in undertaking their sale. To us, ofcourse, it is another matter, as it would only mean one more item to our list of books published by us already, which list is increasing continually. Before I forget, please look up your notes and tell me how many copies composed the edition and how many you have forwarded to us. We can then compare figures with our books and close this account, as we have but ten or so copies left, which we have increased in price. These will last until we get the new edition out. I have already sufficient data for a book double the size of the previous excerpt, so you may imagine what a number of pieces were left out from my first attempt!

Thanks for having dropped Mr. Wayte Raymond a line about the Journal and the International Philatelic Exhibition held last month in your city. By the same mail I received a letter from them saying that the philatelic end they had entrusted to a Philadelphia firm which is pretty well known, but they say nothing about the Exhibition. Perhaps I will soon get another letter from them regarding this matter. They have procured for us various subscriptions and you know how hard this is in your country. They have nevertheless said nothing about coins, either those sent by me from London or those handed over by you to them for sale for our account, so that perhaps they have not been able to do much, if anything at all, in this line. It takes someone with a knowledge of the coins to be able to do anything with them and as they have no knowledge whatever about Far Eastern coins, they will probably never be able to do much in this connection and certainly never equal your own prowess in this direction. I thank you, anyhow, for stirring them up.

Thanks also for having settled the bill of Lekeel Severn Wylie Co., as per receipt of $ 15.00, which you enclosed. They may also have applied to you for a further sum of $ 4.00 also for advertising purposes, in which event I hope you had some credit of mine wherewith to meet this charge.

Thanks for having dropped Mr. Carpenter a line regarding the things we sent him. I think I already wrote to you that he had remitted for the books ordered, but we have heard nothing further about the coins which

were sent to him at the same time as the books.

I enclose a rubbing of a silver piece which came from the regions of Chinese Turkestan. I have also seen another denomination, I think it was larger. When you talked about "miskals" I thought at first that you might refer to this series and that is why I asked you for rubbings of your miskal pieces. I wonder if you can tell me what it is, as I know nothing about this set.

Adams now writes to us that after the end of the year he wished to discontinue the exchange of advertising spaces between the Journal and the "Numismatist". As my firm's advertisement, which we pay for, was continued by us more for the sake of this courtesy than of any actual advantage to us, and as he wishes to terminate this exchange arrangement, we think also that we will discontinue our firms paid advertisement after the end of the year and would request of you to act accordingly. We never seemed to get much result from this advertisement and it is doubtful if we got any direct advantage from it. During the entire past year we have certainly had no enquiries for catalogues that we have been able to trace to it, so that now there is not even the consideration above referred to, we have decided also to terminate our firm's ads. I think all the present readers of the Numismatist are by this time well enough acquainted with our name and those who would have communicated with us have already done so by now. Under the circumstances, therefore, it would not hurt us to give the matter a rest for a year or two. We have written to Adams to hand over to you a stereo block of the Journal which we had sent to him to replace our old one which had worn down, but which he would not use as he had already set up type for the remainder of the year and did not need our block which we sent recently for this purpose.

As we wish to close up at the end of the year all our outstanding accounts, will you be so kind as to send us memo of any items you have for sale for our account, in order to enter same in our books. We are also writing in a similar strain to the United States Coin Co., but are inclined to believe that they have not done much for our account during the past year.

Do you intend to go to San Francisco in 1915 ? I shall endeavour to do my best to be present. I sometime think whether it would not be desireable for increasing the interest in Far Eastern coins if we could not combine for special exhibits of the coins of these countries. I have the intention of exhibiting, say sections of Chinese, Siamese, Annamese, Corean and Japanese numismatics, but do not know the way how to go about it. Can you give me any points and where, specially, I could apply for someone to take charge of the various exhibits for me and distribute them to the buildings of the different countries concerned ? Any ideas or help you could give me in this connection, should you not wish to join, would be greatly appreciated. I suppose the A.N.A will hold their convention there that year, but can you tell me if the exhibition of coins in connection therewith will be the same as in former years, or have some closer relation with the Grand Exhibition itself ?.

Without anything further for tonight,

yours sincerely,

Hal Carson

Oct 1912. + returns to N. Wood

Invoice Aug 17 1910 S C Higgins

1079	Round Post Kai Gai	.85 ✓
1092	Chuk Tai Mongolian Characters	1.35 ✓
467K	Bridge Money, broken not returned	1.75
1093	Charm Tablet	2.85 ✓

Invoice Aug 17 1910 S. C. Higgins Co.

457	459 461 462 465 466. 6 Balls @ 1.50	7.80 ✓
1081	1082 1083 (Dec) 3 Bridge Money @ 2.00	6.00 ✓
1092	1101 1102 1103 4 Chuk Tai Mongolian Characters @ 70	2.80 ✓
127	1131 1132 1135 4 Wing Wang Rules @ 70	2.80 ✓
1107–1115	Mahjong Playing Cards @ 12	1.08 ✓
1116	Mah Jong Set @ 12	.96 ✓

Invoice Oct 7 1910 F T Keiffer.

1174	Small Wu Chu Keep Sold	1.25 ✓
1175	Smallest " "	1.50 ✓

Invoice Dec 27 1910

1162	Diminutive Gau Biang Keep	2.25 ✓
1163	Smallest Wu Chu Keep	1.50 ✓
1164	Small Wu Chu	1.25 ✓
1165	Wing Wang Small Gau Biang Keep.	.50 ✓

Invoice Oct 11 1911 F T Keiffer

551K	Broad Bank Money	2.50 ✓
547K	Wing Wang Small Gau Biang Money	6.00 ✓

Invoice Apr 12 1911 Complete Payment

1238	Kai Tai Temple	8.50 ✓
1245		9.00 ✓
874	Bridge Money	4.00 ✓
1234	Medium Bamboo Chips	3.00 ✓
1242		3.00 ✓

Peace

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Invoice of T Kaiffer Aug 1 1911

1378 Temple Zodiac Charm .50 ✓

1380 Temple .50 ✓

Invoice at Work Jan 8 1912.

[illegible] .75 ✓

[illegible] 1.50 ✓

[illegible] ✓

[illegible] ✓

[illegible] ✓

[illegible] 1.50 ✓

Invoice dated 19 1912 H. Wood.

Case of Sun dials - 42 coins 13.00

[illegible] 500 cash [illegible]

Invoice

10 0413 Three Chinese (Coman) Bank Notes 1.50 ✓

Invoice Aug 12 1912 H Wood

[illegible] ✓

2 notes @ 50 ✓

[illegible] ✓

2 notes @ 1.25 ✓

2 notes [illegible] ✓

Pamphlets by H. C. Kennedy

16 Coman Charms @ 100 Pd 2 [illegible]

1 Chinese [illegible] Pd 1. [illegible]

2 Chinese Boxes Jokers @ [illegible] Pd 2 [illegible]

3 Chinese [illegible] @ 50 Pd 1 [illegible]

[illegible] Pd 2 [illegible]

Found not to tally [illegible] $8.63

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447A STATE STREET

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Dec. 4, 1913.

Dear Wood:

An candida[illegible] receipt for $3, in payment of Oct. and Nov. of the Koboygraph "of," and also my check for $5, for you as the difference on acct. of your original payment of $8.

Please send me the receipt for the $8, which I send you some time ago, or word acknowledging receipt of the amount refunded.

Sincerely yours,

E H Adams

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Of 276 5th Ave, New York City. N.Y.

Yokohama Dec 10th 1913

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Newland Wood Esq
Comm. Inm Stas 156 2d St. A. of Brooklyn - New York City
Jan 12th 1913

		$	c.
# 1790	Sze Chuen Military others Letter	$ 2.	50
# 1892	Turkestan 3 models	2.	50
# 1894	" 3 models Dragon type	4.	-
# 1895	Turkestan 5 models, Dragon type	4.	-
		$ 13.	-

Send me registered letter

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Jun Kobayagawa Co., Publishers,
34, Water Street, Yokohama, Japan.

Yokohama, 12th December, 1913.

Howland Wood Esq.,
American Numismatic Society,
156th Street, West of Broadway,
New York City, N,Y,.

My dear Wood:-

I have before me your two favours of November 1st and 10th and to which I refer.

I am sorry that Wayte Raymond did nothing about the Numismatic and Philatelic Journal of Japan at the recent exhibition in your city. Naturally I would have paid the required fees and other expenses, but it is the old story, if you want anything done you must do it yourself. Thanks any how for having attended to this. The U.S.Coin Co., have not as yet even written to me about this.

I am sending you the two silver Turkestan pieces which you wish to see, together with another one mentioned in a further letter. Should you not require them, please return them as soon as you can, as another party in Europe has also written to us about them.

The Sze Chuen province silver military issue dollar is also sent to you herewith. It is the last of three which we had. We have none of the copper issues in duplicate, otherwise they would also have been sent on to you.

We are sending you a proforma invoice for the eight silver Turkestan and other small pieces which you wished to retain, at the price of/$7.50.

You tell me that Reilly is back. So far we have not heard from him for the last six months. I suppose he will soon write.

Thanks for the various payments to Mekeel's at Boston. We received the several credit and debit slips sent by you and I suppose and hope that at the end of the year you will send us an extract of our account with you so as to compare it with our books. Please also mention any remaining items left pending at the close of the year, as we wish to confront all outstanding accounts at the end of the year.

I have been patiently waiting for the promised article on the silver Thibet piece I presented to you on this condition. I hope you have not forgotten all about it ?

We are now in full swing on account of the season. I have consequent-

howland wood esq., no. 2.

ly plenty of work to do. Unfortunately Mrs. Hansen continues ill and as I see no hope of her recovery, I am naturally working at a disadvantage.

The enclosed copy of Invoice on Mekeel's of Boston will explain itself. I hope they are as prompt in settlement as you were for our account.

I have one or two copper Turkestan pieces which I think might interest you and I hope to be able to forward them within a day or two. I expect by now you have received the rubbings of the Turkestan coins in my collection which I sent you some time ago, mounted in two books.

Our man has now returned from Chinese Turkestan and Kansu, so that I do not expect much of interest from those regions for some time. Yes, I had already seen a silver coin as per rubbing sent by you with dragon design. As I do not collect silver coins, I did not retain it, although the party would sell, but at what seemed to me a high price, as he asked 5 dollars gold for it, which made it impossible to procure on the off chance of finding a customer who would pay this high price.

I have received many interesting things from China of late, which have all been added to my collection. I do not know if I shall ever have time to attend to my private collection, much less write about the specimens composing it. I find that every day I learn more and more, and at this rate I shall never be able to exhaust my store of knowledge about Far Eastern coins, as information is gathered quicker than I can note it. I sometimes think that I would like a congenial post like yours where I I would at least have the evenings free to attend to my private cabinet. Otherwise I do not see what I can do under the present conditions where time seems to be always wanting.

Wishing you and Mrs. Wood the compliments of the season, believe me to be,

yours ever sincerely,

JUN KOBAYAGAWA CO.,
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P. O. BOX 214 YOKOHAMA JAPAN.

Messrs. [illegible]

Gentlemen,

We have pleasure in offering you the following Coins:

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1901	Hsing Tung Pao - Small	$	0.75
1905	" " Kuchu-Medium	"	5.—
1916	" " " Large	"	5.—
1907	Hsien Hsing - 5 Mex. - 10 Cash		1.25
1913	Hsiang Su - Chen - 10 "		1.50
	U.S. Cy.	$	13.50

Sent by Registered Parcels Post

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JUN KOBAYAGAWA CO., PUBLISHERS,
P. O. Box 214, Yokohama, Japan.

Yokohama, 27th December, 1913.

Howland Wood Esq.,
American Numismatic Society,
156th Street West of Broadway,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Wood:-

I have none of yours to answer and although there is a steamer expected from your country tomorrow and which might bring a letter from you, I am not going to leave until tomorrow what I can do today and as I have various small matters to write to you about, I hasten to do so now while I have the chance.

A few days ago we sent you some Chinese Turkestan copper issues which we think you have not got in your collection. The invoice of them, as well as the rubbings of them, is herewith attached. You will notice that among them are two varieties of the 100 cash of Hsieng Fêng period for Kuchar, both differently written in Turki, and which have hitherto remained unpublished. I had them in my collection before, but as we received duplicates of them from our man who has just returned from Kansu, I thought you might like to have examples of them.

By this same cover I am sending you a new variety of the Carapace Money. Half a dozen specimens were sent to us by our man in Shensi and they have been divided among those who purchased previously examples from the former find. As I believe the American Numismatic Society have some of the former varieties, I thought they might also like to possess this new kind, and consequently send it through you for this purpose. The present is a most interesting specimen, not only on account of its shape, but also to its being coated with gold, in a similar manner as the Japanese Kin Kan mentioned, among others, by Munro in his work on the coinage of this country. As you know the process by which this gold was laid on, is unknown to us and probably lost altogether. If not required, please return direct to us here at your earliest convenience as we have other parties who might wish to have a look at it.

I am afraid that the United States Coin Co., have done nothing as regards our coins which they now have had on sale on commission for over a year. We do not think it advisable to have them any longer in your country, as it is better to close these accounts altogether than to let them remain open indefinitely without the slightest chance of their being sold. As you well know, it requires a knowledge of Far Eastern coins to be able to sell them, as most people being ignorant of them

rely on the source of supply for information concerning them. As this source of supply is unable to satisfy their curiosity, no further interest is taken in the. As you well know, also, the selling of coins requires a great deal of personal attention and interest. They can not be sold as sugar, by merely sticking a price on them. As the commission is probably too small for them, the U.S.Coin Co., would naturally not exert themselves over their sale and would naturally prefer, as I would under similar conditions, to devote all their time to their own branch of business which leaves them greater profit. I am not blaming them, as probaby I should do the same, but I am merely mentioning you all this to show you that I have well thought out the matter. Under the circumstances, therefore, I am writing to them to please place at your disposal, all the coins and other items which they may have for our account, including those sent from England and those delivered over by you to them, and that I am writing to you in this connection.

Please therefore, may I request of you this last personal favour. To accept from them all the above items, pack them up in as many parcels as necessary and return them to us here, no parcel, whatever its contents, to be valued over Yen 5.00, as duty is paid on coins entering this country. I am afraid that if I left them to do this that they would either take ages to do it, if former experience is any judge, or that they would pack the things so badly as to endanger their being broken when sent through the post. If you register each packet it would be safer. Ofcourse all responsibility for loss through transit or otherwise, would be for our account solely.

From the very beginning this party has not shown much interest in our small commissions- probably it does not pay them- and in order not to continue this discouraging state of affairs, I think it best to close up this matter of sale on commission. They seem a funny sort of people, as they now write suggesting that we give them a statement of subscriptions to the Journal which have been procured through them and only sent on their advice, as if even it was too much trouble for them to make up the account, which no one but themselves are in a position to make up. I am sorry to trouble you in this connection, but as you mentioned this party to me when they started their company, I think I owe you some explanation as to why I consider it best not to continue as hitherto, with regards to coins sent them for sale on commission.

I hoped to have received the promised article on the Tibetan silver coin, which contribution I requested for insertion in the Journal. Probably you have been too busy and that in due course I will hear from you in this matter.

I am writing continually to both Reilly and Robinson about Far Eastern coins and although I have no fears of their ardour diminishing, if you could keep them actively interested in these branches of numismatics, I would esteem it as a favour.

I think I have nothing else to say to you, but in case I after remember something that has been left out or that I receive a letter from you, it will be an easy matter to write again. Compliments of the season.

Yours sincerely,

H.A.Ramsden